

REMARKS

The Office examined claims 1, 3-10, 13, 15, 17-18, and 25-49 (i.e. 38 claims in all), and rejected same. A minor change, believed unrelated to patentability, is made to the three of the claims. Reconsideration is requested on the following grounds.

Rejections under 35 USC §102

At section 3 of the Office action, claims 27, 32, 34, 39-40, 42 and 44 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Fukasawa (US Pub. No. 20060133307).

All of the pending claims include as limitations (directly or by virtue of their dependencies) storing bearers for a contact indicated by an identifier (i.e. the contact is indicated by the identifier), and storing the bearers so as to be associated with the contact via the identifier for the contact, and then using the identifier for determining bearers to try in establishing a connection with the contact.

The Office relies on pars. [0110]-[0118] of Fukasawa for such a teaching. Applicant respectfully submits that Fukasawa simply teaches storing a list of bearers. There is no teaching of storing an associated contact, as required by the claims. The bearers are certainly of potential use in establishing a connection with a contact, but not any particular contact, i.e. the bearers are not stored so as to be associated with any particular contact, as required by the rejected claims. Fukasawa teaches a bearer selection table (see Fig. 10), but the table associates bearers with applications (e.g. mail), not contacts. It shows that the user of the device prefers, for the mail application, GPRS-A as the bearer, WLAN as the next option, and finally GSM-B. This is not at all the same as what is required by the subject claims; there is simply no teaching or suggestion of storing a list of bearers for a particular contact, as required by

the subject claims. Such a list is illustrated as table 11d in Fig. 1, showing a first contact, having identifier C1-ID, and indicating a list of bearers for the first contact, the first bearer of the list having an identifier C1-B1-ID, and so on.

Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that the rejections under 35 USC §102 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 USC §103

At section 5 of the Office action, the other pending claims are rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Fukasawa in view of Kukkohovi (US Pat. No. 6,119,003).

As conceded by the Office by now relying on Fukasawa for a teaching of storing a list of bearers so as to be associated with a contact and forsaking Kukkohovi for such a teaching, Kukkohovi also provides no such teaching. The Office now further concedes that Fukasawa fails to disclose trying each of at least two possible bearers for a contact in turn until a connection is made.

Applicant respectfully submits that since Kukkohovi is conceded as not teaching having a list of bearers associated with a contact, there cannot possibly be in Kukkohovi a teaching of using such bearers on such a list, in turn, until a connection is made, as required by the subject claims. Further, for the reasons given above, Fukasawa cannot be said to disclose storing a list of bearers so as to be associated with a contact, as also required by all of the subject claims.

Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that the rejections under 35 USC §103 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Conclusion

For all the foregoing reasons it is believed that all of the claims still pending are in condition for allowance and their passage to issue is earnestly solicited. Applicant's attorney

urges the Examiner to call to discuss the present response if anything in the present response is unclear or unpersuasive.

Respectfully submitted,

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